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Responsive to a telephone interview with the Examiner, in which the Examiner required an election of species between the Group I species containing in claims 1-4 and the Group II species containing claims 5 and 6, Applicants respond as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 and 5 as follows:

1. (Amended) The electric power steering apparatus of claim 7, wherein

the biasing member biases said worm shaft deflectable toward said worm wheel,

in a deflective direction of said worm shaft.

5. (Amended) The electric power steering apparatus of claim 7, wherein

the biasing member biases said worm wheel deflectable toward said worm shaft,

in a deflective direction of said worm wheel.



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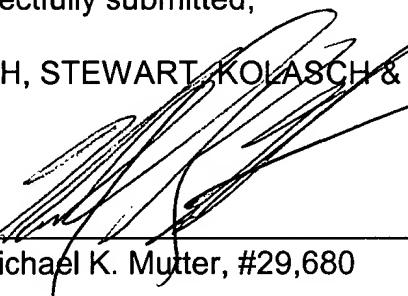
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Respectfully submitted,

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